

“UP THE CREEK”

1st issue, June 2015

This is the 1st issue of “Up the Creek” newsletter for HCPD. This newsletter will be available to members in June and December. With practice and your input, hopefully it will develop into an award winning newsletter. Presently, Patty Lesondak, Executive Director of HCPD will do the newsletter. The HCPD Journal will still be done by Joy, and available in March and October.

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- A remarkable little town
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A Remarkable Little Town



MAIN STREET JANE LEW

APPROX 1900

The small Lewis County town of Jane Lew oozes with local history. Many travelers and even locals don't realize its diverse history. Did you know of any other town named Jane Lew? Lewis Maxwell a member of congress from Virginia, laid out the lots and streets in 1835. He named the area after his mother Jane Lewis. It was incorporated in 1907.

A fort was built there in 1770-1773 called Fort West. It was built to guard against Indian attacks. Sadly the area was a place of massacres, and the fort was burned.

Very few small towns have had a U.S. president nominee. The late Joseph B. Lightburn was that man. He was a presidential nominee on the constitution party ticket in 1964.

Some of the many business that called Jane Lew home were:

Pottery shop	Brick Plant	Diary Farm	Post Office	Bakery
Toy Factory	Street Car	Railroad	Harness Shop	hotel
Millinery	meat market	barber shop	newspaper	Shoe Repair
Movie house	2 banks	hardware shop	feed & fur shop	
Blacksmith	glass plant			

It is still a very beautiful small town and a nice place to live. Due to our fast way of travel and the big commercial businesses gone are the hometown unique shops and the slow pace of life. We do have books with history of Jane Lew and some pictures in our photo collection.

Indian Doctor



Dr. Joseph Evans was the “Indian Doctor” He was touted to be a personal friend of “Buffalo Bill”.

Dr. Evans led an interesting life. He died Aug. 27, 1918 and is buried in Fellows Cemetery at Fairview, near Jane Lew.

He was the doctor for 42 years in Jane Lew. His methods were herbs and natural remedies. He was known from coast to coast as the “Big Medicine Man.”

His father was a full-blooded Chippewa Indian and his mother was of Spanish descent. When he was just a boy of 8 yrs. His mother died, he was heartbroken and ran away from his tribe in Michigan. He made his home with many Indian tribes and settlers. His skill and knowledge of treating with herbs, labeled him “Medicine Man.”

He came to Jane Lew at the age of 40. He married to a local woman and had 5 children. His wife was the former Elizabeth Bailey born in 1838, died in 1929. He was born in 1834 in Michigan and died in 1918.

I’m still working on finding information about him. If you have any info and would like to share, please email me (Patty) at hcpd@hackerscreek.com

Family Roots

Different families will be highlighted in each newsletter

ALLMAN FAMILY

This article will recognize the Allman family. Bertha Wood Allman and Elaine Allman Coulter are a big part of the HCPD family. Maurice Allman, Bertha's late husband was a huge asset and a driving force behind the organization. He was President of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc. 1988 to 1994. Maurice was born in Lewis County in February 1922 and died June 2014. He was the son of John Isaac Allman and Reta Barbara Law. After graduating from Jane Lew High School, he led a very busy and interesting life. He followed what his father once told him "Dad taught that you can live and let live, or you can live and help live."

Maurice retired as RC & D coordinator and lived in Barbour County. We have numerous research articles in the library that Maurice submitted. He enjoyed family research and especially Jane Lew where his ancestors settled.

The surnames searched by Maurice Allman: Allman, Wood, Law, Kisamore, Post, Young, Swisher, Ware and Nelson.

Genealogy Class 101

1. Don't Neglect to Document Your Sources

2. Don't believe everything you see just because a family history is published in a book, or online, does not mean that it is accurate

3. Don't Limit Yourself to Just One Spelling for various reasons, the spellings of names may change over time or between records.

4. Keep a Research Log Research logs assist you in tracking repositories where you have obtained information

5. Don't Accept Family Legends As Fact Virtually every family has a few legends that have been passed down through the generations, such as great grandma being a full-blooded Indian or an ancestor who traveled on the Mayflower.

6. Organize, Organize, And Organize!

7. Start Small and Expand Later Researching your genealogy can become overwhelming and chaotic if you attempt to do everything all at once.

8. Don't Become a Name & Date Collector Genealogy is more than simply collecting a list of names and dates. Your ancestors likely left behind wonderful stories and life experiences that should be remembered and preserved

9. Don't Forget Your Living Relatives Genealogists often become so absorbed in researching their deceased ancestors that they forget a very important piece of doing genealogy: interviewing their living relatives.

10. Don't Publicly Publish Information About Living People The Internet is filled with wonderful genealogy websites, including some that allow users to upload their family trees for sharing with other genealogists.

TRIVIA

What town is dynamite? It is known as "a living memorial of WWI". It was named after an explosive chemical. Answer will be posted in the next newsletter.

REMINDERS:

*Gathering will be Aug. 6-9, 2015

The Gathering Brochure is on the website. You do need to pre-register. Please start let us know soon whether you plan to attend. This helps us organize the meals and tour.

*Harrison County Personal Property Tax Lists 1785-1825 available for download or view.

Go to Virtual Library and under Court Records you will find the link to open.

FYI:

We have had 7 new members join within 60 days. We have helped people research on the following surnames: Shaul, Moody, Wilson, Ward, Stout, Putnam, Proudfoot, Lewis, Murray, Shearer, Peterson, Malady, Cox, Smallridge and Hacker.

We appreciate your feedback. This is your newsletter! What would you like to read about?